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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/923,211
Filing Date	August 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Travis Wayne Cavender
Art Unit	3673
Examiner Name	Safavi, Michael
Attorney Docket Number	2001-IP-004118

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

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b. ☒ Other June 15, 2004 Rule 116 Amendment NOT TO BE ENTERED

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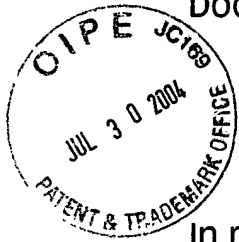
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Docket No: **2001-IP-004118**



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of: Travis Wayne Cavender

Serial No.: 09/923,211

Filed: August 6, 2001

Entitled: GAS STORAGE AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: Safavi, Michael

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTION
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application, prior to the substantive examination of the claims therein in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby requests that his previously filed June 15, 2004 Rule 116 Amendment (submitted pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §1.111 in response to the April 30, 2004 Final Office Action in this application) not be entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTERATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: **2001-IP-4118**

SERIAL NO.: 09/923,211

FILING DATE: August 6, 2001

INVENTION: Gas Storage and Production System

EXAMINER: Safavi, Michael

GROUP ART UNIT: 3673

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					LARGE ENTITY	
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TOTAL CLAIMS	30	-	35	0	X \$18 =	0
IND. CLAIMS	11	-	9	2	X \$86 =	\$172
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$172

_____ No additional fee is required.

XX A check in the amount of \$ 172 is attached.

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